

AUSTRIA CONCILIATES U. S. IN U-BOAT NOTE

Washington, March 7.—Austria cannot give up her right to sink "enemy merchantmen," she declares in her reply to the American aide memoire received at the state department.

Austria does not, however, include neutral merchant ships under this right. Hence, authorities are inclined to feel that she has stretched a point in order to meet the American effort to avoid a break.

The government, upon first reading of the reply, was inclined to wait for acts by Austria. Her words, officials said, indicated a desire on Austria's part to avoid a break with the United States, even though she supports the "theory" of Germany's unlimited submarine warfare.

Authorities feel that in view of Austria's effort to prevent a break it would be advisable at this time to await developments to see if she carries out submarine warfare against vessels other than enemy merchantmen.

The government is not inclined to break over endorsement of a "theory."

The note also expressed Austria's inability to surrender her right to attack enemy merchantmen carrying contraband to the enemy, without warning, but the note specifically holds neutral merchantmen as of another classification.

Continuing, the note declared that Austria's note on the Ancona case "reserved the right later to bring up difficult international questions in connection with the submarine warfare."

"The government," it said, "desires to show America that it adheres strictly to the assurance given and that it will endeavor to clear up all disputed points in order to avoid misunderstandings."

King of Sweden has a large interest in a Stockholm brewery.

ZIMMERMANN MAKES SECOND DEFENSE OF MEXICAN NOTE

Amsterdam, March 7.—Foreign Sec'y Zimmermann's second defense of his action in seeking to align Japan and Mexico with Germany against America was that criticism from certain Germans of such a course ill-fitted previous complaints that Germany wasn't doing enough to acquire new allies.

Such an explanation, according to Berlin dispatches received here today, was Zimmermann's answer to Socialist queries in the main committee of the reichstag at its meeting late yesterday. The secretary laid particular stress on the fact that his instructions to Minister Eckhardt at Mexico City were based only on the U. S. entering the war.

Newspaper comment from all over Germany appears to support the foreign secretary wholeheartedly, although there was a disposition to criticize the bungling by which a perfectly legitimate move by Germany became known.

BUT WHO'D HAVE TIME TO LOOK AT THE LADY'S FACE

New York, March 7.—When Mrs. Anna Yost, clad in a bathing suit, braced bare feet on a door, grabbed a rope in one hand and raced behind a motorboat, she made a lovely picture, it developed today.

She has sued the Anasco Co., charging the picture was used for trade purposes without her consent.

The company, in court today, will endeavor to prove that the bathing suit may have been her's, and the figure, but another head was used in their ad. Hence it wasn't her picture, raising a delicate problem for a jury of twelve mere men.

Washington.—Declaring valid the New York state workmen's compensation act, supreme court held railroad employes in interstate commerce may recover damages for personal injuries under its provisions.